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Indiana Heritage and Culture Council Releases Reports

The Indiana Heritage and Culture Council today released two reports submitted to Governor Frank O'Bannon. The governor appointed the council to study and make recommendations regarding heritage and cultural services and resources in Indiana.

"I am grateful for the hard work of the council and committee members in producing these reports, which should be valuable reading for Hoosiers interested in heritage and culture matters," said Governor O'Bannon. "I look forward to statewide participation in cultural planning and to progress on providing a permanent home for the State Archives."

The *Report on Statewide Cultural Collaboration* presents recommendations from the council for a statewide initiative to determine a plan for the delivery and support of heritage and cultural resources in Indiana. The report includes results of a survey of how other states manage cultural resources, reviews of Indiana's cultural resources and history, and surveys of some of the relevant state and private cultural organizations.

The *Report on the Indiana State Archives* makes recommendations for a new appropriate home for the Indiana State Archives, in which the historical documents of state government are preserved and made available to citizens and researchers.

The council began meeting in 2001; the council and its committees plan to continue meeting to implement the plans recommended to the governor in these reports. Specifics about the council and PDF copies of these reports are available at the council Web site <www.IN.gov/heritage>. Hard copies of the reports may be purchased at the Indiana Historical Bureau; call 317-232-2535 for details.